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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 3259

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRIMIN RAZAK TO TOKYO AND OTTAWA

1. PRIMIN RAZAK IS LEAVING TOMORROW JUNE 26 ON A TWO-WEEK TRIP TO TOKYO, TO OTTAWA FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PRIMIN CONFERENCE, AND TO LONDON.
  2. THE TOKYO STOP WILL ENABLE HIM TO MAKE AN UNOFFICIAL CALL ON JAPANESE PRIMIN TANAKA PRIMARILY TO GET ACQUAINTED. ZAIN AZRAAI, THE PRIMIN'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS AIDE, HAS TOLD US THIS FIRST MEETING IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO EXPLORE BILATERAL ISSUES, E.G. YEN CREDITS, WHICH CAN AS READILY BE HANDLED BY OFFICIALS.
  3. RAZAK SEES THE COMMONWEALTH MEETING PRIMARILY AS A VEHICLE (1) TO IMPROVE PERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CANDID EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, (2) TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, (3) TO LOBBY FOR BETTER COORDINATION ON TRADE ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE IN OTHER SETTINGS. RAZAK TOLD ME ON SUNDAY THAT HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT PRIMIN TRUDEAU IS TRYING TO STRUCTURE THIS CONFERENCE TO PERMIT MORE OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSIONS
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RATHER THAN THE RHETORIC-FOR-THE GALLERIES SO CHARACTERISTIC

OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, HE SEES LITTLE ELSE OF VALUE IN THE COMMONWEALTH AS AN INSTITUTION BECAUSE OF THE HETEROGENEITY OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AND THE DIVERSITY OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL INTERESTS. HE SAID ONLY REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN ANY LONGER BE MEANINGFUL.

4. HIS STOP IN LONDON WILL BE BRIEF, NON-OFFICIAL AND ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE, ESPECIALLY AS ANY DESIRED DISCUSSIONS WITH HMG OFFICIALS CAN JUST AS EASILY TAKE PLACE WHILE THEY ARE ALL TOGETHER IN OTTAWA.  
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